

Committee(s) Education Board	Dated: 3 December 2015
Subject: Appointment of City of London Corporation Sponsor Governor – City of London Academy Islington	Public
Report of: Town Clerk	For Decision

Summary

Following The Rt Hon the Lord Mayor, Alderman The Lord Mountevans' notice of his wish to stand down as City of London Corporation sponsor governor of the City of London Academy Islington (COLAI) in light of his election of Lord Mayor of the City of London for 2015/16, the Town Clerk has advertised the forthcoming vacancy of governor to the Court of Common Council. One application from Henry Colthurst CC has since been received and the Education Board is asked to consider his application and reach a decision.

Recommendation(s)

That the Board consider the application of Henry Colthurst CC and either,

- Appoint Henry Colthurst CC as a City of London Corporation sponsor governor of the City of London Academy Islington for a term of four years, commencing on the date that the Rt Hon the Lord Mayor's resignation as City of London Corporation sponsor governor of COLAI is confirmed;
- Or, request the Town Clerk to conduct a further advertisement of the forthcoming vacancy in a bid to attract further applications.

Main Report

Background

1. Alderman The Lord Mountevans has advised that he wishes to step down as City-appointed sponsor governor of the City of London Academy Islington (COLAI), following his recent election as Lord Mayor of the City of London for 2015/16.
2. The advertisement for the ensuing vacancy was issued to the Court of Common Council on 14 October 2015 and members were given a fortnight within which to apply for the role. The advertisement formed part of the Education Board's agreed academy appointment process (appendix 1) which involved members being issued with an application pack providing background information of COLAI and a person specification outlining the skills COLAI would welcome in the successful candidate. The COLAI person specification is included with this report as appendix 2.
3. At the time of the application window closing on 28 October 2015, one application had been received from Henry Colthurst CC, and is included with this report as appendix 3.
4. The Education Board at its meeting on 15 October 2015 granted the Town Clerk delegated authority to confirm the appointment of a new governor. This authority has not been exercised and therefore the application is now submitted to the Board for approval.

Review of Application

5. Members are asked to review the application submitted by Mr Colthurst and consider whether it is in line with the person specification submitted by COLAI. Subject to members' views, it is recommended that the Education Board either appoint Mr Colthurst to the Board of Governors of the City of London Academy Islington, or request that the Town Clerk conduct a further application process to identify further candidates.

Conclusion

6. A recruitment exercise for a candidate for City of London Corporation sponsor governor has been conducted by the Town Clerk and members of the Education Board are now asked to review the application received.

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Appendices

1. City of London Corporation Academy Governor Appointment Process
2. City of London Academy Islington Person Specification
3. Henry Colthurst CC Application

Appendix (1) – City of London Corporation Academy Governor Appointment Process

1. The academy informs the City of a vacancy and provides a person specification (including preferred skills-set), information about the academy, the constitution of the Governing Body and the time commitment that is required.



2. The vacancy is sent to all Members of the Court of Common Council.



3. The City consults with the lead City Member.



4. The Education Board takes a decision.

Appendix (2) - City of London Academy Islington Person Specification

Experience required

We have high expectations of the level of commitment; support and challenge our Governors are expected to provide to the Academy. We are seeking a nomination who has

- Direct experience and knowledge of pre tertiary education (either in terms of governance or as a senior practitioner).
- Experience and knowledge of governance – and preferably leadership in governance.
- An affinity towards a project which is transforming the education of local school students in Islington (see background information).
- Sufficient time to provide the required commitment; support and challenge to the Academy (Governing Body meetings; subcommittee meetings; panels; links; visits; engagement with Leadership team etc);
- Capacity to manage time flexibly - to perform duties and represent the Governing Body as and when required. The majority of Governing Body meetings are held in the daytime.

Specialist knowledge or experience

Covered above.

Eamon Martin
Chair of Governing body
City of London Academy Islington
September 2015